

18 February 1955

MEMORANDUM OF DISCUSSION

SUBJECT: Psywar Requirements for Chapter IV and V.

1. Meeting held this morning for two and one-half hours. Those present were the following:

Mr. Clinton (OIR/State)
Mr. Kain (OIR/State)
Dr. Strong (OIR/State)

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Captain Knowles (Chief, D/B)

2. This meeting was the result of exchange of views subsequent to previous meeting on the same subject. All points were agreed to after discussion and some changes, so that essentially the optimum amount of thought has been incorporated into the sociological and economic sections of the NIS.

3. The following procedures for approval of the new outline requirements were agreed to:

a. State will make up smooth copies of the revised outline for Chapters IV, V and Section 60 of Chapter VI. The Tab "B" in the original proposal will be excluded from these drafts and used merely as a working basis agreement for such modifications as desired by the Editorial Staff, D/B. In lieu of Tab "B" there will be prepared by State an indication of the principal psywar requirements that have been included in the NIS, and a general appreciation of the new outline in support of psywar needs. I requested Mr. Clinton to take an optimistic view on this paper in order to solicit the confidence of the psywar people so that they might be led to make general use of the NIS in the fulfillment of their requirements, rather than attempting to develop other documents to serve the same ends. I refer particularly to such marginal value devices as the HRAF.

4. I expect the formal draft of these outlines will be ready within the week, following which I will transmit one copy to [redacted]. Should the general objectives be fulfilled in his mind, I will request State to formalize the outline in terms of the NIS Standard Instructions requirements so that we may lay before the NIS Committee a completed outline and outline guide for its approval. At this meeting of the NIS Committee we will invite representatives of USIA and of the Office of the Chief, Psywar, to permit these representatives opportunity to voice any comments relative to the problem in question. They will be given the opportunity to examine the revised outline in advance of such meeting.

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25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

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